

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 37-42 and 44-58 is acknowledged.

By the above amendment, claim 37 has been amended to delete "the" in the phrase "for one of the enabling" so as to conform to the language in claim 38, for example, and overcome a possible informality. It is noted that such amendment does not affect the allowability of claim 37.

Furthermore, by the present amendment, claims 43 and 59, the only claims under rejection, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and new dependent claims 60 and 61 dependent from allowed claim 37 have been presented.

With respect to newly added dependent claims 60 and 61, such claims more particularly define the concave and convex configuration which, as illustrated in various figures of the drawings, is formed over substantially an entire surface and has a convex configuration which is formed by a combination of outlines of spheres or outlines of symmetrical non-spheres as illustrated in the drawings, and described at pages 31 and 32 of the specification, for example. It is noted that dependent claim 61 refers to a configuration formed by combination of spheres or symmetrical non-spheres and a plane surface, which features are illustrated in various figures of the drawings. Thus, applicants submit that the dependent claims 60 and 61 recite further features of the present invention, and such claims should be considered allowable together with parent claim 37.

Applicants note that in section 4 at page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the disclosure concerning an informality in claim 1, line 3. It is noted that claim 1 was canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed November 10, 2003, such that this objection should be overcome and if the objection related to a part of the specification, it is not apparent from the Examiner's indication appears. The

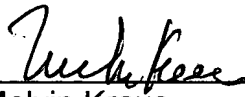
Examiner is given authority to correct such informality by Examiner's Amendment, wherever it appears.

As to the rejection of claim 43 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamashita et al (6,130,777) and the rejection of claim 59 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated over Yamashita et al (6,130,777) in view of Kun (4,024,623), such rejections have been obviated by the cancellation of such claims, and discussion of the cited art in relation thereto is considered unnecessary.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance, and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.41902VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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